

I have published a few more  
new species of Calif. grapes.  
Will send you the paper and some  
specimens thereof. In fact, they  
were laid out some time ago.

The wanted parts of your  
Proceedings will be sent to  
you by Mr. Bloomer

Please push Brewer  
to the utmost; for there is  
such a great demand for  
a text-book of our flora. It  
will be still greater in a short time,  
for I intend to make the study  
of natural history obligatory in  
our common schools.

With due regards

Yours  
most respectfully  
Henry S. Bolander

Have tended to the wood question.  
Will be able to furnish ours soon.

San Francisco Jan. 27. 72  
Prof. Dr. Asa Gray Cambridge

My dear Sir,

At last a sign of life  
from you! I really began to think  
the whole world had forgotten me.  
Little, very little have I done since  
I was nominated and I really  
felt that something was wanting:  
it was the intercourse with my plants.

I made a new start. Commenced  
to answer letters again and feel the  
better for it.

I collected in Bear Valley a singu-  
lar composite, which I wish to refer  
to you. I found but three specimens  
fit to talk.

Spring has come; our hills are

green again and the violets begin to bloom.

My new position will not exactly permit me to make large collections, but it will enable me to make small choice ones. It will afford me an opportunity of visiting far-off districts.

During my term of office I wish to study particularly the distribution of our forest-trees and plants generally. I hope you will make some suggestions as to mode, manner and method; for I have it now in my own hands to see the whole state.

I have no doubt that Prof. Whitney will be enabled to proceed. For all the members of the legislature with whom I spoke of the matter, seem to be very favorably disposed. Being called before the Committee on Education, I endeavored

to show to them that, without the complement of the Survey, our schools would be deprived of some of the most useful and profitable studies.

The same question is before me again. Dr. Engelmann is still dissatisfied with some of the conclusions he arrived at. By his long explanatory letters, I became convinced that the material, collected here and now in European herbaria is in a most sad confusion.

It can hardly be expected that Prof. Brewer will touch those plants, before having finished his botanical report.

I sincerely hope that your society will meet here and you will come out and see our grand sights, the Yosemite, the Redwoods, the Big Trees &c. I shall take great delight in accompanying you to some of these places.